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WITNESS NAME: <b>ALICIA HODGE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>Ahodge333@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 12:17 PM</b>
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I support hemp, as it represents freedom. Big Cannabis (the MO Monopoly) is the antithesis of freedom and free markets. I support choice. I support a higher standard of cannabis. The hemp market is the craft beer of cannabis. Small-scale growers who care about their product and consumers, not just the money, like the Big Cannabis conglomerate and government collusion.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ALLIE FAVER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-285-8600</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CBD KRATOM</b>		TITLE: <b>GENERAL COUNSEL</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>12400 OLIVE BLVD SUITE 100</b>			
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63141</b>
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Ben Baker's bill is the only one proposed this session that achieves all of the objectives outlined by the Governor and concerned citizens. It has age gating, labeling and testing requirements, and other important facets without killing small businesses. Other bills put forth recommend hemp be put under federally illegal marijuana dispensaries or afford monopolies to beverage distributors with a three tiered system. This is also the only bill drafted by hemp, for hemp. Please keep thousands of small businesses and Missourians employed and vote "yes" to this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>BRETT GROMOWSKI</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>COLORFUL VIBES</b>		TITLE: <b>OWNER</b>	
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CITY: <b>ROLLA</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65401</b>
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**We fully support. We currently have 5 locations that are heavily dependent on this legal product. If this gets banned, we will lose 38 employees from our stores and over \$400,000 in taxes paid to the state, county and cities.**



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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>BRIAN RIEGEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-805-5826</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>RIEGEL DAIRY, INC., SOUTHPOINT HEMP, INC.</b>		TITLE: <b>OWNER</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>50 HI LINE DR.</b>			
CITY: <b>UNION</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63084</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>BROOKLYN HILL</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-604-5780</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MO HEMP TRADE ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>15687 HWY. B</b>			
CITY: <b>ELLINGTON</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63638</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 12:00 AM</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>CRAIG KATZ</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-778-8444</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CBD KRATOM - MNG 2005, INC</b>		TITLE: <b>GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER CBD KR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>12400 OLIVE BLVD</b>			
CITY: <b>ST LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63141</b>
EMAIL: <b>ckatz@mngcity.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/10/2025 2:13 PM</b>	
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I will be speaking in support of HB 696 and explaining why other legislation that has been proposed is damaging and will not accomplish the stated goals of the legislature. They will also limit access and creat monopolies.



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>EAPEN THAMPY</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-673-5351</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>AMERICAN SHAMAN / PEERLESS CANNA</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>JACOB SCOTT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE: <b>LOBBYIST</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>113 MADISON ST</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
EMAIL: <b>jscott@msma.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/10/2025 1:42 PM</b>	
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<b>In support of the bill</b>			



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>JAKE SILVERMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-757-1135</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI VAPE &amp; ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>517 GOLDEN LEAF CT.</b>			
CITY: <b>LAKE SAINT LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63367</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JESSE TURNER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>turnergofp@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 10:26 AM</b>
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<b>Disregard opposition.Wrong bill. My bad</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JESSE TURNER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>636-283-4022</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>THE ABDUCTION</b>		TITLE: <b>OWNER</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>11 S. OAK STREET</b>			
CITY: <b>UNION</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63084</b>
EMAIL: <b>turnergofp@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 10:33 AM</b>

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**This bill keeps 100's of locations open and helps de monopolize the marijuana industry.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JESSICA FECHT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jessica33389@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 3:07 PM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN WINCHESTER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>yohonmon@hotmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 2:08 PM</b>

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**I support the use of hemp products. That's more taxes for the state!**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KAYLA SIMPSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>kayla.simpson0788@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 10:09 AM</b>
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To whom it may concern. I am in support of HB 696, hemp derived products has been my saving grace on multiple things. Firstly, my anxiety, I've tried multiple ways to help my anxiety with no luck. Unfortunately too strong of THC makes it worse. Hemp derived products has helped me tremendously. I can function at work, my panic attacks are under control, im sleeping well etc. I'd really hate to see hemp derived products go away and I'd have to start over to find a solution. Secondly, I have major nerve pain in my feet that this has help so much. I ask that you please keep hemp derived products around. My well being and life depends on it. Stay blessed.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARLEY ALLEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>417mallen@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 7:13 PM</b>
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I have trouble focusing and have anxiety, cannabis products help me to focus and keep calm throughout the day. it has completely changed my life in a positive way and would hate for it to become inaccessible to me and others with even more serious conditions that are lessened by this product.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>NATHAN SIMPSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>nate.simpson0788@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/10/2025 1:02 PM</b>

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This is the regulation needed for the hemp industry. Thank you for supporting Missouri farmers and small businesses. This is the replacement needed for big marijuana and big alcohol's bills to eliminate our industry and only they can profit (\$300-\$400million dollar industry in Missouri, Whitney economics)



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>RON HICKS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>636-328-7050</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>GREAT STATE STRATEGIES</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>125 BRIDGETON DR. W</b>			
CITY: <b>WENTZVILLE</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63385</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>RON LEONE</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-864-5189</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MPCA - MO PETROLEUM &amp; CONVENIENCE ASSN.</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>205 E. CAPITOL AVE. SUITE 200</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 12:00 AM</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>TAMRAH CLARK</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jellyleaf@jellyleafhempco.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/10/2025 10:12 PM</b>
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My name is Tamrah and I am the Owner at Jellyleaf, a small, veteran- and woman-owned dispensary with locations in Blue Springs and Warrensburg. I'm writing today to express my strong support for HB 696 because this bill directly impacts not just my business, but my employees, my customers, and my ability to continue doing what I love—helping people find safe, effective hemp-derived products. At Jellyleaf, we believe in quality, transparency, and education. Our customers trust us to provide products that are safe and properly labeled, and HB 696 ensures that businesses like mine can continue to operate with integrity while also protecting consumers. The clear regulations in this bill—such as age restrictions, product testing, and labeling requirements—set an important standard that benefits both businesses and the community. As a small business owner, I know firsthand how difficult it can be to navigate unclear or constantly shifting regulations. HB 696 provides the structure we need to operate confidently and fairly. Without clear guidelines, larger corporations with more resources can push out small businesses like mine, taking away opportunities for local entrepreneurs who care deeply about their communities. This bill helps level the playing field so that businesses of all sizes can compete while ensuring consumers receive safe and properly tested products. Additionally, as a veteran-owned business, I appreciate the consideration given to veterans in this bill. Many of our veteran customers rely on hemp-derived products for relief, and this legislation ensures responsible access while maintaining necessary safeguards. I urge you to support HB 696 and give small businesses like mine the opportunity to thrive while keeping Missouri consumers safe and informed. Thank you for your time and for considering my perspective. Sincerely, Tamrah C Owner Jellyleaf



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WITNESS NAME: <b>TIMOTHY FABER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>tfaber@mobaptist.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/11/2025 9:21 PM</b>

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Though marijuana was legalized 4 years ago, there is still much to be learned about its safe use.  
Regulating it and keeping it from people under 21 is a wise course of action at this time.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ALEC ROSENBLUM</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI CANNABIS TRADE ASSN.</b>		TITLE:	
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**This would kill off a product that helps me tremendously with pain management.**



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**This bill is a job killer designed to create a monopoly. 100's of locations as well as thousands of Missouri employees will be terminated if this law passes. It does nothing but create a monopoly.**





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